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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RH, OVIP (MONDALE, VICE PRESIDENT WALTER)

SUBJECT: VORSTER-MONDALE MEETING

1. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK A MEETING WITH FOREIGN  
MINISTER MKAPA FOR TUESDAY TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING  
LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE. IF, FOR SOME REASON, HE  
CANNOT MEET WITH YOU PRIOR TO MIDDAY TUESDAY (WASHINGTON  
TIME) YOU SHOULD ARRANGE TO DELIVER THE LETTER TO THE  
HIGHEST APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FOR HIS IMMEDIATE  
TRANSMISSION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. QUOTE  
HIS EXCELLENCY  
BENJAMIN MKAPA  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF  
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TANZANIA  
DAR ES SALAAM

DEAR MR. FOREIGN MINISTER:

THE EXCHANGES ON THE CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE HAD SINCE JANUARY HAVE BEEN

MOST HELPFUL TO US IN UNDERSTANDING THAT TROUBLED REGION.  
I AM WRITING TODAY TO INFORM YOU OF A FORTHCOMING MEETING

WHICH WILL DEAL WITH IMPORTANT MATTERS IN SOUTHERN  
AFRICA.

IN RESPONSE TO INDICATIONS FROM PRIME MINISTER VORSTER  
THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE WIDE RANGE OF  
SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES WITH US, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS  
DECIDED TO ASK THE VICE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH VORSTER  
DURING MR. MONDALE'S FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN TRIP. THEY  
WILL MEET IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA ON MAY 19. THE PRESI-  
DENT WILL MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS VISIT ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 3.

THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MR. VORSTER WILL ENGAGE IN AN  
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND IDEAS, RATHER THAN IN SPECIFIC OR  
DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS. MR. MONDALE WILL EXPRESS THE  
COMMITMENT OF MY GOVERNMENT TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND, IN CONFORMITY WITH  
THIS, THE NECESSITY FOR SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN SOUTHERN  
AFRICA.

THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE CLEAR TO MR. VORSTER OUR  
SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA  
AND THE PROGRESSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN  
SOCIETY. HE WILL NOTE OUR SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY  
OWEN'S CURRENT INITIATIVE TO RESUME SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS  
LEADING TO A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT AND FOR CURRENT  
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EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE WITHIN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385.

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL EMPHASIZE TO MR. VORSTER  
THAT WHILE WE VIEW THE ROLE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERN-  
MENT AS CRUCIAL IN THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTIONS OF THE  
NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN SITUATIONS, THE UNITED STATES  
CANNOT IGNORE THE PRESSING NEED FOR RAPID CHANGE WITHIN  
SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. OUR PRINCIPLES DEMAND SUCH CHANGE.  
ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN PROBLEM, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT A PROGRESSIVE  
TRANSFORMATION OF THAT SOCIETY IN THE DIRECTION OF FULL  
POLITICAL RIGHTS AND AN END TO APARTHEID BEGIN NOW.

I BELIEVE THAT THE MESSAGE THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE  
WILL CONVEY TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER WILL SUPPORT OUR  
JOINT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE PEACEFUL EVOLUTION OF ALL  
OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO AN AREA OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE.

AT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL BE ABLE  
TO GIVE YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVES MORE DETAILS ON THE  
TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.

I WANTED YOU TO HAVE THE FULL BENEFIT OF OUR THINKING  
AND I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU TO RESPECT ITS SENSITIVITY.

SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. UNQTE.

3. FYI. SIMILAR LETTERS ARE BEING DELIVERED TO THE  
FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FOUR FRONTLINE STATES AND  
NIGERIA. OTHER AFRICAN HEADS OF STATES, THE FOUR  
LEADING ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS, AND SWAPO PRESIDENT  
NUJOMA WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE MONDALE-VORSTER  
MEETING.

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